



# Mill Creek South Slough, Illinois

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## Location

Rock Island, Illinois

## State(s)

IL

## Congressional District(s)

IL-17

## Status

An Appraisal Report completed in 2012 concluded that there was a Federal Interest in resumption of maintenance on the Mill Creek South Slough project channel. Remaining funds were utilized to initiate a clean out of the channel. Additional O&M funding of \$40k per year will be needed to maintain the channel.

## Description

The Mill Creek South Slough (MCSS) project was authorized in the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1930 to reduce flood damages resulting from construction of the Illinois and Mississippi (I&M) Canal, which cut off the natural channel of Mill Creek into the Rock River. The flows from Mill Creek were diverted into the Mississippi River via an improved channel through the South Slough completed in 1932. Since abandonment of the I&M Canal in 1951, and restoration of the Mill Creek's natural channel into the Rock River in 1963, the MCSS project is no longer required to mitigate impacts from the I&M Canal, however the project channel continues to intercept flows from several small tributaries. A study by the Rock Island District in May 1995 recommended that the project be de-authorized, however there was no action taken on this recommendation and O&M authority remains. As the project channel has filled with sediment and vegetation, water levels in the area have continued to increase which impacts the interior drainage function of the Milan Local Flood Protection Project and access to the City of Rock Island utility lines.

## Summarized Project Costs

FY09 Omnibus: \$148,000 FY10 E&WDAA: \$482,000

## Major Work Item (This Fiscal Year)

FY 16 Continue channel O&M

## Major Work Item (Next Fiscal Year)

FY 17 No additional funding anticipated. Continue channel O&M and prepare for future channel cleanout if funds are available.

## Authority Details

River and Harbor Act of 1930

**Point of Contact:** Project Manager

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